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Fort Eustis Soldier housing needs met with new barracks project

NORFOLK, Va. – Norfolk District, Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$27.5 million military construction contract Aug. 19, for construction of a 336-room, standard-design barracks at Fort Eustis, Va.

W.M. Jordan/Versar of Newport News, Va., will construct the design-build project, set for completion in April 2010, using the standard design established by the Corps' Fort Worth District, an Army "Center of Standardization" for Soldier barracks.

The design standard is a one plus one design, where two permanent party Soldiers will share a room with separate bedrooms/living space, walk-in closets, and a shared bath, kitchen and common area. Other barracks amenities include storage areas, a mailroom, activity room, mudroom, visitor area, and a central restroom, vending and payphone area.

This new barracks project will satisfy the current requirement for permanent party barracks at Fort Eustis, said Norfolk District Project Manager Jon Jones. "The total requirement for permanent party barracks at Fort Eustis is 1,072 rooms. They have 744 rooms available; this 336-room project will bring the total available rooms to 1,080."

In support of President George W. Bush's "Grow the Army" initiative to increase Army end strength by 74,200 Soldiers, this project is just one piece of that initiative at Fort Eustis. Through Fiscal Year 2009, Norfolk District will manage the construction of a planned new battalion headquarters, two new company operations facilities and a new tactical equipment maintenance facility.



Above is an artist's rendering of new permanent party Soldier barracks, Fort Eustis, Va.